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Remarks**I. Terminal Disclaimer.**

Accompanying this Preliminary Amendment is a Terminal Disclaimer for the present application relative to co-owned, related U.S. Patent Application No. 10/460,557, filed 12 June 2003, now allowed, and U.S. Patent No. 6,633,772, issued 14 October 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the Terminal Disclaimer be made of record.

II. Information Disclosure Statement.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was submitted on 8 April 2004. Applicants request that the Examiner indicate that the references have been considered by initialing each cited reference on the modified form 1449 and returning a copy of the initialed form to the applicants.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112 and define an invention that is patentable over the art. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is believed in order and is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner notes any further matters that the Examiner believes may be expedited by a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (650) 599-3591.

Respectfully submitted,

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